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Jim:

1. The attached table addresses the question of the cause of death in the 18 persons. This is a response to the request by the Commission for reassurance that none of the people died as a result of the plutonium injections. The evidence in the table is that the causes of death are unrelated to the plutonium injections.
2. Relative to the missing persons, I would advise a memo from Liverman to Anderson, such as the attached draft, formalizing the responsibility of the Division of Inspection for conducting a missing persons search on the two lost to follow-up cases and CHI-3. I talked to Pat Durbin about CHI-3 yesterday. In her article she indicated that CHI-3 had died. However, she told me on the phone that her conclusion was based on the conjecture that the man had Hodgkin's disease (Ed Russell's recollection) and refused treatment on religious grounds. Since we lack firm information on the diagnosis and Hodgkin's disease may go into prolonged remission or people may change their minds about refusing treatment, we cannot consider this case closed. Pat feels that there is a definite need for further investigation in the case.

Sid

Attachments:  
Table  
Draft memo

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